

BUTLER HAS CHARGE

PEOPLE'S PARTY TURNED OVER TO THE NEW CHAIRMAN.

WON'T BOTHER BRYAN

NEITHER THEY NOR THE SILVER-ITES WILL NOTIFY.

POPULISTS FIGURE ON FUSION

THEY ALREADY DEMAND A SWINE'S SHARE OF MISSOURI.

Chairman Jones and Governor Stone Hold a Session—Rumors That They Will Pull Bryan Off the Pop Ticket.

St. Louis, July 27.—The affairs of the People's party are now in the hands of Senator Butler of North Carolina, the chairman of the national committee. Today the nine members of the retiring Populist executive committee made a formal settlement with the new committee. They turned over to Chairman Butler and Secretary Edgerton all the money on hand and their reports were approved.

Very few of the new members remained in the city for the Monday meeting. They authorized Chairman Butler and Secretary Edgerton to audit the accounts and hastened home to prepare for the campaign.

The silver party has established temporary headquarters in the Corcoran building, Washington, D. C. Future events will determine whether or not it will be continued there. Vice Chairman Stevens, who will have active charge of the headquarters and who will relieve Chairman Lane of much of the work connected with the coming campaign, will leave for the capital city in a short time.

The selection of the Populist headquarters has been left to Chairman Butler and a decision as to that matter will probably not be made for several weeks. Charles B. Lane, chairman of the Silver national committee, left tonight for his home in California. He will stop at Lincoln, Neb., and hold a conference with Bryan.

While it has not yet been definitely decided, there will probably be no formal notification of Bryan by either the Populists or Silver men. It is believed from a prominent western member of the Silver national committee that it is the intention of both the Silver and Populist committees to waive the usual formal meeting in New York at which Bryan's nomination would be made. A proposition looking to the fusion of the two parties in Missouri on the state ticket, has it is stated, been made by the Populists to the Democratic leaders, who have it under consideration. As the price for this fusion, the Populists are said to have demanded that they be given eight out of seventeen presidential electors in the state. If this concession is not made the Populists will put a state ticket in the field at their convention which will be held at Sedalia next Thursday.

ANTI-BRYAN POPULISTS.

The "middle of the road" delegates to the Populist national convention have appointed a "provisional national committee" to decide upon the future action of the Populists in case Mr. Bryan should accept the nomination tendered him, or endorse the platform adopted by the convention. Henry J. Call of New York city, until recently of Kansas, delegate-at-large from the state of New York to the People's party national convention and a prominent "middle of the road" Populist, has been appointed chairman of this provisional committee. He said tonight that in order to be in readiness to act in such a contingency, the following letter had been addressed to delegates in each state:

"St. Louis, July 27.—Dear Sir: Please forward me the names and addresses of all prominent Populists in your state opposed to the nomination of William J. Bryan. Also keep me advised of the sentiment of the party and of any steps taken or decision reached toward independent political action.

"And oblige, yours truly,

"HENRY J. CALL.

"Chairman provisional national committee, No. 1 Madison avenue, New York."

This letter was sent out in pursuance of a motion adopted by the temporary organization of the dissenting delegates of the nomination for president of the United States, tendered him by the People's party, in convention assembled, and further, to secure his willingness to endorse the platform adopted by said party in said convention, be required to report within ten days.

"That a provisional national committee, consisting of one member from each state, be appointed by the chairman of this meeting, which committee shall receive the report of the aforesaid committee and shall thereafter confer with each other and with the delegates from the various states, relative to what further action shall be taken.

"That each member of said committee shall be ex-officio chairman for his state of this temporary organization."

George P. Kennedy, secretary, and H. A. Pyle, his assistant, both of California, have left for Washington to take charge of the Silver headquarters there. Chairman Butler of the Populist national committee left this city for his home in North Carolina today, having been called there by a telegram, but for what purpose has not been made public.

Before leaving he stated that he would probably return some time during the first week in August, when he will call a meeting of the committee. He also stated that he expected to hold a conference with Senator Jones of Arkansas on his return here.

JONES AND STONE IN SESSION

They Consider the Withdrawal of Bryan's Name From the Populist Ticket.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 27.—Chairman Jones of the Democratic national committee arrived here this afternoon and went to Governor Stone. They were in session several hours and it is said

they considered the matter of withdrawing Bryan's name from the Populist ticket.

Major T. O. Towles of this city, secretary of the National Bimetallist league and who was closely allied with Governor Stone and Senator Jones in their fight for Bryan during the St. Louis convention, met Senator Jones in Kansas City this morning and accompanied him to Jefferson City. Governor Stone met them at the depot with his carriage. Major Towles would not talk tonight about the interview.

When Governor Stone was seen tonight he positively declined to be interviewed about his conference with the national committee, further than to say that there was nothing for the press in the interview.

After the conference Senator Jones took the evening train for St. Louis.

STORY OF THE TELEGRAMS

How Jones and Stone Hounded Bryan Around Saturday Night.

St. Louis, July 27.—The Republic tomorrow will publish the telegrams which Mr. Bryan's declining to allow his name to go before the Populist convention, and the conversation that was carried on between him and Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee on Saturday were not made public, it is said because Senator Jones and Governor Stone of Missouri saw fit to suppress them.

Early Saturday afternoon Senator Jones wired Mr. Bryan that his friends in the convention intended to nominate him if possible, in spite of the fact that his telegram of the previous evening declining to accept the nomination if Mr. Sewall was not nominated for vice president. Senator Jones had previously notified Mr. Bryan that Watson had been nominated for vice president.

About 2 o'clock an operator in the Western Union telegraph office at Lincoln, the home of the Democratic candidate for president, called up the St. Louis office and said that Mr. Bryan was there and would like to speak to Senator Jones. Senator Jones came to the key and the following telegram was sent to Bryan:

"Hon. W. J. Bryan: The convention will surely nominate you. Your friends seem to be in the majority. They are about ready to proceed to ballot."

To this Mr. Bryan sent substantially the reply that was contained in the dispatch sent out from Chicago by the Associated Press Sunday night. At the conclusion of the paragraph ending with the words: "American people cannot afford to surrender the right to legislate for themselves on all questions and so long as the issue is disputed it surpasses all other in importance." Senator Jones interrupted Mr. Bryan's message with a query as to whether it would be advisable to make such a statement to the convention. Then the remainder of the dispatch was sent by Bryan, practically the same as sent out by the Associated Press, either in answer to Senator Jones' question or as a continuation of Mr. Bryan's statement.

To this Senator Jones replied: "To the Hon. W. J. Bryan: I think your position has been clearly stated and that it is clearly and fully understood. I will urge our friends to read your statement." (Signed) J. K. Jones.

At this juncture a message was sent to the convention hall over another wire to Governor Stone asking him to come at once and get Mr. Bryan's telegram in order that it might be read to the convention before the ballot was taken. Governor Stone got the telegram and hurried to the convention hall, where the scene between him and Senator Jones took place.

Subsequent developments indicate that neither Governor Stone nor Senator Jones thought it would be good policy to read the telegram to the convention.

While this was going on at the auditorium Mr. Bryan sent:

"To General J. K. Jones: All opponents are entitled to perfect frankness and candor on my part and I think the statement should be read, so that no criticism can arise hereafter. (Signed) W. J. Bryan."

Before the consultation over the wire was closed, Senator Jones sent a telegram asking Mr. Bryan if he was employing all the assistants necessary to carry on his work. "If you are not, employ the necessary help and I will foot the bills" was the way the dispatch closed. Mr. Bryan replied:

"To Senator J. K. Jones: Am employing necessary help. I wish you would here as soon as convenient advise me of the most policy thing to do, as they viewed the situation from the field of battle."

"After the failure to have the telegram read to the convention, Mr. Bryan is said to have wired Senator Jones to give them to the St. Louis papers and to the Associated Press in order that they might be given as wide publicity as possible. To this Senator Jones and Governor Stone dissented. Senator Jones was going away on the 9 o'clock train. So the matter was turned over to Governor Stone who had another confab with Mr. Bryan.

The latter urged that the statement be given to the press, but Governor Stone said it would not be politic and that his case was in the hands of his friends who would do what they believed to be the most policy thing to do, as they viewed the situation from the field of battle.

"I will bow to the wishes of my friends, but it is due to myself and to the members of the Populist party that I treat them with perfect candor. It is the tenor of one of Mr. Bryan's dispatches to the Missouri governor.

But the information was withheld from the press.

ONLY IN NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Silver Party in Local Matters, Will Practically Have No Existence.

New York, July 27.—William P. St. John, returned today from the St. Louis convention. He said:

"The National Silver party has accepted an invitation from Baltimore merchants to notify Messrs. Bryan and Sewall in the city of Baltimore. The notification will be made about fourteen days after the Democratic nomination in New York. The place of headquarters will be determined by Senator J. K. Jones of Arkansas, chairman of the Democratic national committee. It looks at present as though he would accept Washington for headquarters. Whatever he does will be followed by the Silver party."

"In state and municipal affairs the National Silver party will not move. This will leave the Republicans to vote their own state ticket, but the National Silver party will have a congressional candidate in every district where the Democratic nominee favors the gold standard."

SWEPT BY STORMS

WIND AND RAIN DO IMMENSE DAMAGE AT PITTSBURG, PA.

Several Dwellings Demolished and Many Partially Wrecked—Churches, in Particular, Suffer From the Loss of Their Roofs—Wreckage Chokes Many Streets, Making Passage Impossible—Huge Sycamore Tree Blown Across a Tent, Killing Several Members of a Camping Party—Storms Elsewhere.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 27.—A wind and rain storm of unusual fierceness visited this city at 4:30 o'clock, causing the loss of at least three lives and doing immense damage to property. Several dwellings were completely demolished and others partially wrecked. Eight or ten churches had their roofs blown off and were otherwise damaged. Tele-

graph, telephone and electric light poles are lying in an intricate mass, making it impossible to use them. The city is now a scene of confusion. The streets are choked with wreckage. The storm is now rising and another flood is expected.

Among the casualties reported is an accident to the camp of the Eighth Ward Hunting and Fishing club, of Allegheny, about four miles up the Allegheny river. A large sycamore, thirty feet in circumference, was snapped off near the ground and fell upon the tent of the campers, killing almost instantly John Miller, who was lying down, and seriously injuring Thomas O'Connell, Charles Vosick, John Mott, Frank Ott and Harry Haddie.

On Greenfield avenue, in the east end, Joe Ashfield was killed by a sign being blown down, striking him on the head.

In Sharpshooter, W. L. Nott was killed by the roof of a house being blown onto him.

At McKee's Rock where Professor Gerodine, curator of Carnegie museum, had a gang of men at work digging an old Indian mound, lightning struck the shed under which the party had taken refuge, shocking one of the laborers, an old man, into unconsciousness, and a college professor, both of whom will probably die.

The result of the storm in property loss is not all gathered in at this time, but it is known that all through Allegheny, the south side and the east end, many houses were wrecked, signs blown down and windows broken.

TWELVE ELECTROCUTED.

In Allegheny twelve people were struck by lightning. They are in the hospital and considered by the physicians to be in a critical condition. The names are: Abner Ray, freight receiver of the Fort Wayne railroad.

A. M. Bennett and three children. August Snodgrass, wife and four children. Mr. Ray was sitting in the house doorway when a bolt of lightning struck the building, knocking him unconscious. Mr. Bennett and his children were standing on their porch on St. Clair terrace, when a flash was conducted from a trolley wire in front of the house to the porch, prostrating the entire party. The Snodgrass family were eating supper when lightning struck the residence, following the chimney flue to the dining room. About half an hour later a neighbor discovered the whole family lying on the floor in an unconscious condition.

They may recover but it is improbable. In Pittsburg reports of damage to property are still coming in. On Washington street two houses, a machine shop and the Fifth United Presbyterian church were blown down and completely ruined, but fortunately no one was injured. The Centenary Methodist Episcopal church on Kirkpatrick street had its roof and steeple carried away by the wind and the bells were thrown from the tower and broken.

The roof of John Wesley chapel of the American Methodist Episcopal church was torn away and carried 200 feet. The Pittsburg high school and Holy Ghost college suffered somewhat but are not badly damaged.

Returns from the different sections of the two cities show twenty-five to thirty people injured more or less by falling trees, rocks, signs, etc., but their names cannot be given tonight.

Columbus, O., July 27.—At 7:30 this evening a severe wind, followed by a heavy rain, struck this section, attending

a velocity of forty-five miles. Half of the roof of the Brown Manufacturing company's building was carried across the town.

Baltimore, July 27.—The storm here this evening lasted about fifty minutes and was accompanied by incessant thunder and lightning. Much damage of a minor nature is reported.

Philadelphia, July 27.—A heavy rain storm having many of the features of a cyclone passed over this city shortly after 6 o'clock this evening. Despite the violence of the storm very little damage was done in this city. The storm was general in New Jersey and Delaware.

STORM IN NEW YORK CITY

Wind Blows Fifty Miles an Hour and Lightning Flashes Smash.

New York, July 27.—A storm swept over this city this evening accompanied by heavy thunder and a brilliant display of lightning. The maximum velocity of the wind was fifty miles. A house on the Harlem river in which was the switch board for the Western Union company's wires which run under the Harlem river, was struck by lightning

WON'T STAY LICKED

MATEBELES AGAIN CROWD ABOUT BULUWAYO.

Operations Against Them are Conducted by Cecil Rhodes, Who Has All Available Forces at His Sole Disposal, But With Out Any Apparent Success—Cry for British Troops Raised Anew, But Chamberlain Fears Oom Paul, Who Fears Cecil Rhodes, Who Fears Nobody and is a Foulton to do About as He Pleases.

London, July 27.—A dispatch from Cape Town reports that intelligence has been received from Bulawayo that the Matebeles are again massing around that place. The situation seems no better than it was last April when Bulawayo was practically besieged for weeks. Various operations, some of them rated as highly successful and in which

BULLETIN OF THE WICHITA DAILY EAGLE

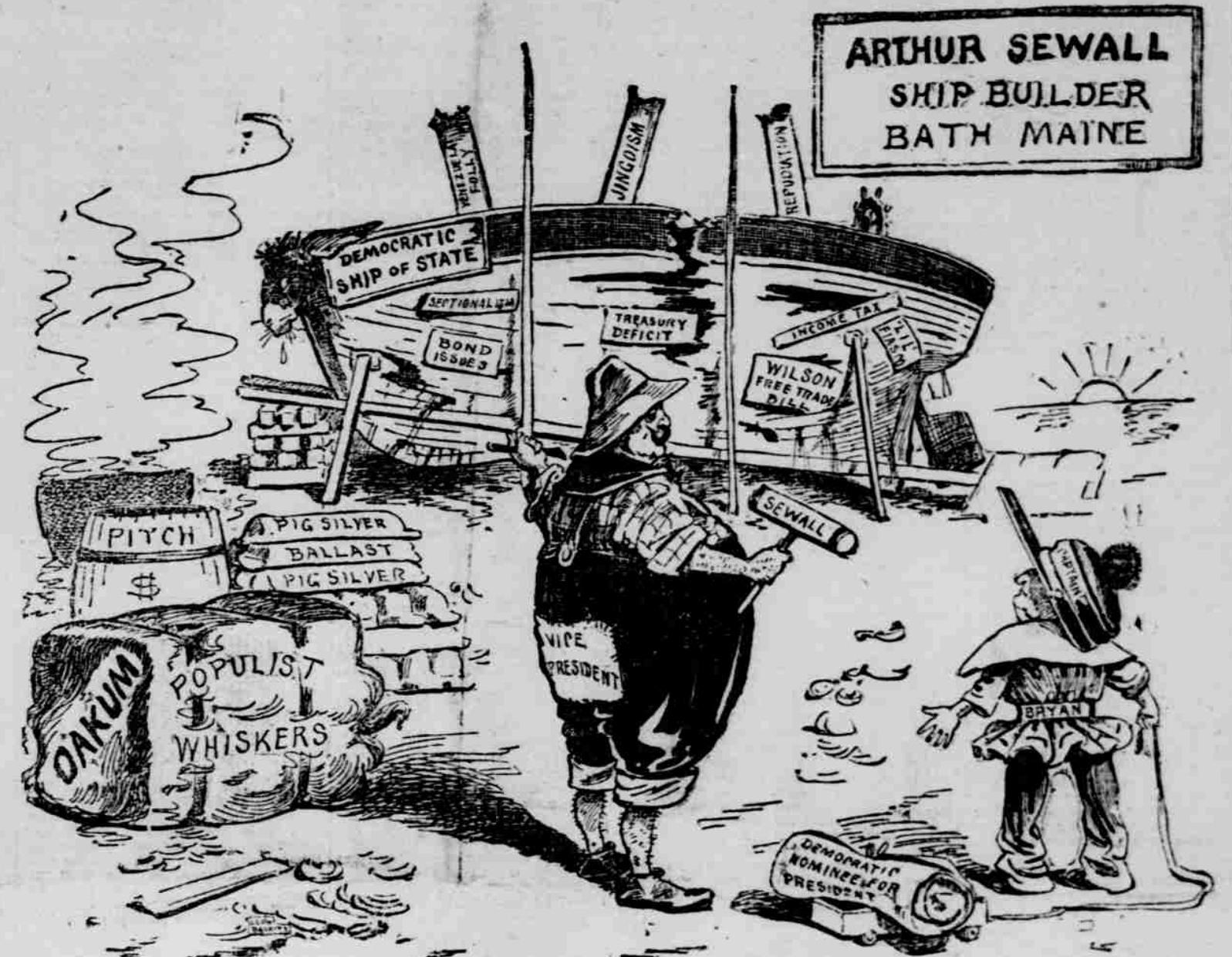
Wichita, Tuesday, July 28, 1896.

Weather for Wichita today: Fair; cooler; variable winds.

Sun—Rise, 4:57; set, 7:15. Moon—Rising: 9:09.

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CAN THE DEMOCRATIC HULK BE MADE TO FLOAT? (From the New York Morning Advertiser.)

OTTO ZIMMERMAN COMMITTS SUICIDE

Council Shuts Off Certain Lights Frisco People and Wichita

COUNTY NORMAL BEGINS ITS SESSION

Pop Women at St. Louis

GOLD MINE THAT PAYS BIG

fully disclose everything he knows about the raid.

JAMESON TRIAL OVER ALREADY

Johnny Bull Makes Haste in Discharging a Dischargeable Duty.

FORSAKES HIS OLD ALLY

John Bull is Rather More Afraid of Democracy Than Russia

THE AMERICAN SCOUT.

The Chronicle publishes a letter from Bulawayo this morning, giving a character description of Rhodes, the American scout who has done much for the British in the Transvaal. The Chronicle's correspondent says of the fact that Cecil Rhodes is on the ground and with practically a free hand.

WHITE FOLKS COWARDS.

One of the chartered South African company's subsidiary companies yesterday voted 500 pounds (£500) to assist the Chartered South African company in suppressing the Matebeles. This subsidiary company also resolved to join in raising 100,000 pounds for the same purpose.

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The press correspondents at Bulawayo in their dispatches this morning complain that the authorities are huddling up the details of recent fights, which are said to be not so favorable to the British forces as the reports allowed to be sent.

These correspondents assert that persons arriving at Bulawayo from the front report that the Matebeles rebels manifest extreme confidence and display great courage, jerking at the whites and calling them cowards.

The Daily News says that it hears that Cecil Rhodes intends at the earliest possible opportunity to attend the parliamentary session which is to investigate the Jameson raid and to

LYING SIDE BY SIDE

BODIES OF A SHERIFF AND A HIGHWAYMAN.

DEATHS A MYSTERY

OFFICER PROBABLY FELL AFOUL OF TWO OF A GANG.

SHOT ONE, SHOT BY THE OTHER

WENT OUT SINGLE-HANDED, SAYS FOR HIS DOG.

Animal Returns Without His Master—Searchers Find the Men Dead in the Woods Near Nevada City, Cal.

Nevada City, Cal., July 27.—The dead body of Sheriff David Douglas and the corpse of an unknown highwayman were today found lying a few feet apart in the woods two miles from town. There were five empty chambers in the pistol of the sheriff, who had been shot through the heart, in the right eye and hand. The bullets of the sheriff had gone through the robber's heart, abdomen, and hip. The unknown man had a rifle but it had apparently been unused. It is supposed that Douglas was shot by an unseen and unknown confederate of the highwayman. A number of bold highway robberies recently reported in this neighborhood have all seemed to be the work of one man, who stopped coaches and private conveyances on the roads near Nevada City. The sheriff and his deputies had been untiring in their efforts to capture the highwaymen. Finally Sheriff Douglas, believing that a large squad of deputies served to put the highwayman on his guard, determined to attempt the chase single-handed. He started out yesterday, accompanied only by his dog. The dog returned at midnight and at daybreak searching parties traced the sheriff to the spot where officer and prisoner lay dead side by side.

CABLE CARS BREAK LOOSE

Trailer smashed in the Union Depot sheds

Two Four Persons Injured.

Kansas City, July 27.—Two cable cars broke loose at the top of the Ninth street incline late this evening and dashed down the declivity into the Union depot sheds. The grip car and those on board escaped injury but the trailer was thrown from the track just inside the elevated sheds and literally smashed to pieces. Several of the occupants of the car were badly hurt. Among them were George D. Feary of Kansas City and his two sisters, Mrs. Gay and Miss Feary, both of New York City. Mrs. Gay suffered an injury to her spine and is said to be in a critical condition. M. Hogan, a train pilot on the Burlington road, was also badly injured.

TOOK THINGS TOO SERIOUSLY

Young Farmer Near Marysville, Kan., Is Who Killed Himself.

Marysville, Kan., July 27.—John Selva, a young farmer, shot and killed the 13-year-old daughter of David Hoffman, a farmer, and then killed himself, near the little town of Afton, ten miles southwest of Marysville last night. The girl's parents had forbidden her to keep company with Selva. The murderer left a letter in which he stated that he could not live without the child and that her parents were turning her against him, after having encouraged his attentions at first.

AND SO THEY WERE MARRIED

And It is Hoped They Will Live Happily Ever After.

Warrensburg, Mo., July 27.—While talking with a party of friends last Wednesday, Blair Howard proposed, as a joke, to Miss Lillie McLean that they get married. She consented, but each supposed the other was joking. A friend was dispatched for a license which was drawn up in due form.

The wedding was announced in local papers to take place at the residence of the Rev. G. B. Curry, pastor of Sacred Heart church, that night. At the appointed time the couple went to the residence, but Father Curry had several visitors and they did not remain. Thursday morning they went back and the ceremony was performed amid a great deal of chaffing, the contracting parties still believing it to be a joke.

SALE OF NEW YORK CITY BONDS

Wall Street Firm That First Bought Them Failed to Come to Time.

New York, July 27.—Comptroller Fifth street offered for sale \$400,000 gold bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent, but only a little more than one-quarter of the amount was bid for them. The bonds were sold at the last sale of city bonds for nearly 94 and were purchased by Muller & Co., of Wall street, who afterwards refused to make good their bid. Mr. Fifth decided to sell the bonds again separately to ascertain how much the city was injured as the corporation council might proceed against Muller & Co. if he had a case. The bids received today were far from 100.

QUITTING WORK BY THOUSANDS

Striking Countsmen Followed by Those Who Make Tests of the Scales.

New York, July 27.—The latest acquisition to the ranks of the striking countsmen is the 5,000 overcoat and sack coat makers who quit work today. This force will be augmented on Wednesday by an assembly of 6,000 jacket makers and will, in all probability, be followed by 4,000 knee pants makers.

Philadelphia, July 27.—At a meeting of the National Union of Carpenters and Joiners tonight it was resolved to demand on May 1 next an eight-hour day at a scale of 35 cents an hour. The movement is said to be general. Ad-dresses were made by William J. Hughes of Boston, E. J. Kent of Lincoln, Neb.; A. Cattermole of Chicago, Joe Williams of Utica, N. Y., and P. J. McGuire of Philadelphia.